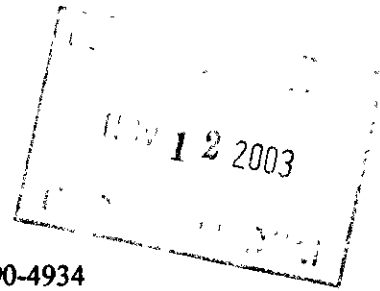


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October 27th, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street
12th Street Lobby, S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing on behalf of the Telehealth community to nominate Dr. Jay Sanders for another term on the USAC Administrator's Board of Directors as the representative for rural health care providers. Dr. Sanders, President and CEO of the Global Telemedicine Group is well known as a leader on rural Telemedicine and e-Health issues, and is considered to be one of the foremost authorities in the field. Moreover he has done an outstanding job as the rural health care representative to USA over the years. I've known Dr. Sanders for ten years, and can attest to his leadership in the related fields of Telehealth, healthcare informatics and rural healthcare policy.

He is known internationally as an authority on the use of telecommunications and information technology, a field in which he has been involved since the early 1970s. Dr. Sanders is a Past President of the American Telemedicine Association. As Consultant to NASA, Dr. Sanders has been a member of the Life & Microgravity Sciences Space Advisory Committee, as well as the Scientific Director of the NASA Medical Informatics and technology Commercial Space Center.

He has been, as you know, a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Corporation and Chairman of its Rural Health Care Committee, as well as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the National Library of Medicine. He was a founding member of the American Telemedicine Association, directs the U.S. telemedicine initiatives to the G-8 nations, and has served on the Department of Defense Telemedicine Board of Directors. He was formerly Professor of Medicine and Surgery and Director of the Telemedicine Program at the Medical College of Georgia, where he held the Eminent Scholar Chair in Telemedicine.

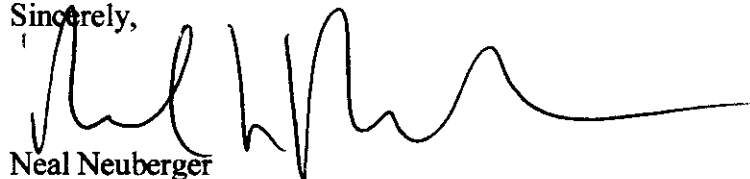
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I think that based on his experience and history of service to USAC, Dr. Sanders would continue to make an outstanding contribution to the process whereby rural health care providers are eligible to receive support under the program, and I highly recommend his re-nomination and appointment.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have, and in the meantime appreciate your consideration of my nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neal Neuberger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Neal Neuberger
President

cc: Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division